



Thriplow Scrapbook 1897 to 1990 by Mike Petty

1900 10 25

A Thriplow labourer was summoned by William Stockbridge, a chimney sweep, for stealing 13 walnuts, valued at 1d. PC Housden said he watched some walnut trees in Pegg's Close; he saw defendant go to one of the trees, pick up several walnuts and get over the fence where he was standing. He requested him to turn out his pockets and 13 walnuts were discovered. A fine of 2s 6d was inflicted

1902 08 19

A very serious incident has occurred at Thriplow to the family of Mr Arthur Wood, baker, as a result of eating tinned white herrings. Mrs Wood, the three children and the servant became seriously ill and Mr Wood himself, after driving the baker's cart for four miles, was seized with similar symptoms. The whole family are in a critical condition.

1905 10 03

Thriplow theft, p4

1908 04 24

Thriplow church was well restored in 1877 but has hitherto depended on a harmonium to supply its music. An organ fund was started in 1886 and now a fine new instrument enclosed in a handsome decorated case of gold and green has been built by Miller and Son of Cambridge at a cost of £250. Its capabilities were demonstrated at a concert of sacred music. 08 04 24a & b

1908 09 11

Thriplow inquest Rev Sandberg – 08 09 11 p7

1912 02 16

The former tenant of the Hoops at Kneesworth complained that when magistrates took away his licence they had taken away his living. They had said there were too many public houses in the village. But since then the building had been demolished and a handsome village clubroom built on the site where members could obtain intoxicating drinks. The Bench said they could not remedy the matter and if he wanted to get beer he should become a member of the club. He had since become licensee of the Rose at Bassingbourn. Tenant of Green Man at Thriplow, a heavy drinker, jumped

from bedroom window. Beehive beerhouse Litlington, Oak beerhouse Melbourn and Hill House beerhouse Steeple Morden closed. 12 02 16

1913 05 11 p7 CIP

Flower shows, Thriplow

1914 06 12

Ex-Alderman of County Council. The death of Mr. W. J. Clark occurred at his residence, the Manor House, Thriplow, on Thursday afternoon. He had been in failing health for some years. Mr. Clark was well-known throughout the counties of Cambridge and Hertfordshire as a zealous public servant, and his genial manner won for him the highest regard and esteem of all. He was one of the first members of the Cambridgeshire County Council, and subsequently his claims to an aldermanic seat were recognised by the Council. Considerations of health resulted in Ald. Clark giving up a work which was very dear to him. As a Justice of the Peace, a Guardian member of the Melbourn Rural District Council and a member of the Thriplow Parish Council, Mr. Clark's work was performed with commendable thoroughness, and the public life of the district has sustained a great loss by the removal of this strong personality. For some considerable period. Mr. Clark was Chairman of the local Parish Council, and at the time of his death he held the office of overseer. Church affairs also appealed to Mr. Clark and for the past 20 years he had been intimately associated with the well-being of St. George's as a churchwarden. The deceased gentleman was a native of Thriplow, and had lived in the village for the greater part of his life. The farm occupied by Mr. Clark has been in the possession of the family for about 85 years. - 1914 06 12 CIPof

1914 09 04 p5

Thriplow recruiting

1920 01 07 CIP

Rats Killed, Up to December 3rd last the number of rats killed in the county and paid for by Cambs County Council under the Rats Order, was 35,516. The districts concerned were: Little Abington (number of rats killed 504), Ashley (980), Balsham (2,718), Borough Green (358), Bottisham (999), Cheveley (631). Chippenham (838), Great Chishill (322), Croxton (225), Dullingham (1,205), Duxford (754), Elsworth (39), Fordham (8,072), Fowlmere (489), Harston (322), Hauxton (186). Heydon (1,593), Hildersham (236). Horseheath (324), Ickleton (1,095), Isleham (3,809), Kennett (1,422). Kirtling (396), Kneesworth (549), Linton (584), Lode (548), Melbourn (442), Newton (160), Pampisford (429), Sawston (332), Shepreth (313). Shudy Camps (1.38), Snailwell (786), Soham (2,896), Stetchworth (1,105) Swaffham Prior (1,032), Thriplow (464), Waterbeach (967), West Wickham (995), Whittlesford (324), Great Wilbraham (846), Wood Ditton (2,017).

1920 03 09 CDN

Thriplow fire, Fox pub destroyed

1937 10 22

Mr & Mrs Edward Simeon Flack celebrated 50 years of married life in the same cottage. They married at Fowlmere in October 1887 and went to live at Church Street, Thriplow. Mr Flack started work before he was 10 years old for Mr Joseph Ellis and was employed on the same farm for 63 years. He can remember the bad old days in farming about 1906 when he had only nine shillings a week to provide for his eight children (about £43 today). Now they have 21 grandchildren. His wife, born Matilda Smith, still does her household duties. 37 10 22b

1938 08 04

Pilot parachutes from plane into beech tree at Thriplow, plane crashes Duxford 38 08 04

1940 07 12

Retirement.—The Rev. G. W. Gervis announced on Sunday that he would be retiring at the end of September as minister of Fowlmere and Thriplow Congregational Church, after 6½ years' ministry. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gervis will be much missed, not only by members of the congregation, but by many friends over a wide district. 40 07 12

1949 09 03

Thriplow Onions. Mr F. C. Talbot, of Thriplow Farms, has grown a record crop of Giant Rocco onions. Many weighed 1lb. each, several 1¾ lb. each, and one turned the scale at 2¼ lbs. 40 09 03

1949 06 14

“I am quite sure that we suffer from an over materialistic outlook on life and are much too frightened to spend money making places more beautiful to live in”. Such was the opinion expressed by Mr H. Walston of Thriplow at the parish Councils Association meeting. “I do feel we are in great danger of leaving things more and more to experts and specialists feeling that the borough surveyor knows much more about the right place to put a house than we do”. 49 06 14

1950 09 19

The old barn at Duxford Grange farm was the scene of a happy gathering when Mr Harry Walston, prospective Labour candidate for Cambridgeshire, and of Thriplow Farms Ltd, invited the farm workers to a harvest supper. This was the fourth occasion it has been held, and a 220 lb pig had been killed to help to feed the company of about 100.

1951 09 24

Thriplow Farms horkey, p4

1957 04 30

In Thriplow the Post Office and village shop are together and their telephone is connected to the phone kiosk. This meant that if the shop were using it the kiosk would be engaged, and vice-verse. The ladies of the W.I. do not think the postmistress has the inclination to listen to their conversations but it was not nice to know that other members of the house might. The telephone lines between village Post Offices and local kiosks should be made separate. 57 04 30

1960 09 15

The new Dottrell Hall Pumping Station, which is to supply water for South Cambridgeshire's comprehensive water supply scheme is nearing completion. Water mains have been laid at Pampisford and Babraham with Fowlmere and Thriplow to follow. But residents of Gamlingay Heath who petitioned for extensions to their village sewers will be disappointed. The scheme would cost £500 for every house served and would not be approved by the Ministry 60 09 15

1961 05 19

Blacksmith Harry Spicer of Duxford now only goes to the Thriplow forge about once a month. Eight years ago there was enough work to occupy him three days a week. He does a little shoeing but most of the time remakes and repairs agricultural machinery. He rents the forge from a Brewery company. It must be fairly old as it is built of clunch but the inside is kept in good running order 61 05 19a

1961 06 09

Throughout the year the CIP carried a series of feature articles relating to Cambridgeshire villages. They include Thriplow – 61 06 09 CIP

1963 04 24

The modernised Thriplow Junior School was opened and dedicated by the Bishop of Ely in its centenary year. It had been in danger of closure in 1947 when the number of children dropped to 20. There were signs of revival in the mid 1950s when nearly 50 pupils attended and after long discussions it was decided the village should continue to have a school. Mr G.O. Vinter, one of the Foundation Managers, thanked all who had assisted with the extension programme 64 04 24

1964 05 02

Thriplow blacksmiths restored – 64 05 02e

1973 01 01

Thriplow's three-quarters-of-an-acre recreation ground is up for sale - by order of the village. At the weekend a village referendum came out, by 5 votes to 40, in favour of the sale. Now all that is needed is the approval of the Department of Education and Science who have indicated that if two-thirds of the sale price - expected to be £15,000 - is used for building a new village hall, the rest can be used for establishing a new recreation ground. At present a First World War hut is all that the village has in the way of a community hall

1973 11 13

Thriplow development

1974 05 02

Labour peer Lord Walston of Thriplow, said today that despite his plea in the House of Lords for a £35 a week minimum agricultural wage for farm workers he could only afford to pay that amount to one or two of his own workers. He said that until provisions had been made for farmers to get better returns from the market it would not be possible to pay the wages he wanted for farm workers. People could not, and ought not, to rely on cheap food bought at bargain prices

1974 06 14

Thriplow school, p23

1977 06 08

Thousands of people attended Cambridge's main jubilee celebrations – rustic games, music, a river boat procession and fireworks – on Midsummer Common. For the women there was a supermarket trolley race won by a team from Robert Sayles. Rain dampened the start of the carnival but large crowds gathered to watch the jubilee games and the procession of decorated motor boats which followed. The evening was rounded off by a fireworks display and there were cheers when the final set piece spelling out “ER II rules OK” was lit. At Thriplow a “Royal Show” included smashing the Royal Doulton, donkey rides from Anne's Riding Stables and a “Royal Free Hospital” blindfold stretcher obstacle race.

1977 12 12

Thriplow house, p11

1978 04 27

The 150-strong Jersey dairy herd on Lord Walston's Thriplow estate, one of Cambridgeshire's oldest and best known herds, fetched more than £27,000 when it went under the hammer. It was started in 1910 but time and economics have caught up with it and the sale marked the end of an era as they fell into line with the rapidly declining number of milking herds in the county. Two of the stockmen, George Fuller and Doug Andrews, said few younger people wanted the responsibility every day of the week. Buyers came from as far away as Devon and Scotland; the highest price paid for a cow was nearly £230 and a bull made £441

1979 12 20

Thriplow grain plant, p4

1980 10 06

A pensioner lost his home and possessions when a fire ripped through his 16th-century cottage at Thriplow. The entire roof and top floor – which had recently been rethatched – were destroyed and neighbours rallied round to save what they could. “There was a considerable amount of heroism – they even went into rooms that were on fire, and the efforts of the firemen were enormous: they managed to save the main structure of the house”, said his son. 80 10 06

1983 08 06

Thriplow rebuild, p10

1984 06 13

A move to combine the parishes of Histon and Impington has been rejected by the Environment Secretary. Other moves to move Comberton Village College from Thriplow parish, to move Little Thriplow into Fowlmere and change boundaries between Over/Swavesey have also been turned down. But a small piece of farmland on the Little Abington and Babraham border has been agreed. 84 06 13 p18

1984 10 06

A postmistress is fighting for her life after being gunned down in a pool of blood on the floor of her tiny Thriplow shop whilst counting the day's takings. The violent robbery has left residents stunned and many are locking their doors and windows before they go to bed. The usual friendly, personal mood of the village is reflected on the village green where fresh vegetables and flowers are placed for sale and you pay through an honesty box. 84 10 06 p1, 84 10 08 p1, 84 10 09 p1, 15, 84 10 24 p16

1985 11 16

Thriplow postmistress' funeral, more than a year after she shot – 85 11 16a

1986 03 05

Thriplow postmistress murderer sentenced - 86 03 04

1986 06 09

Gerald Coulson, Thriplow artist has first solo exhibition 86 06 09a & b

1988 06 01

Thriplow post office raided – 88 06 01

1988 06 20

London yuppies have been blamed for the closure of ill-fated Thriplow Post Office. The attached village stores has already closed and the post office – raided by masked men earlier this month – is set to shut in August. "The village does not support it enough", the postmistress said. "Yuppies from London have moved in and use the village as a weekend home. I'm upset for the villagers, but if they'd supported it they wouldn't have lost it" The building may not be converted to a house 88 06 20

1988 07 05

Jim and Linda Burton of Barrington have won the Shop of the Year award for outstanding community efforts. Their shop is an essential centre of village life. You can buy groceries, pick up prescriptions, have clothes dry-cleaned and shoes repaired. The health-conscious can buy carob bars and there is a delicatessen counter. Shops at Thriplow, Shepreth and Duxford are closing because of stiff competition from supermarkets so they have weekly offers and a free delivery service. 88 07 05c

1989 02 15

Most Cambridgeshire land is devoted to agriculture, producing cereals, sugar beet and potatoes. Now the County Council has produced a Rural Strategy in response to the European drive to scrap food and highlight conservation matters. It promotes public enjoyment of the countryside, conservation and organic farming, encouraging farmers to seek income from rural businesses, tourism and country museums. But this is a "Walt Disney" ideal of a countryside with no smells or noises and organic farming is folly, a Thriplow farmer warns 89 02 15c